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From: BRS Secretariat (No-Reply) <no-reply@brsmeas.org>
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Subject: Online briefings on the sixteenth meeting of the POPRC of the Stockholm Convention and on the outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions has the pleasure to invite you to online briefings on the sixteenth meeting of the POPRC of the Stockholm Convention and on the outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee **on Tuesday, 10 November 2020 from 10.00 to 11.00 (GMT/UTC+1 Geneva time) and on Thursday, 12 November 2020 from 16.00 to 17.00 (GMT/UTC +1 Geneva time).**

Objectives

The online briefing will provide an overview of the issues that will be considered by the sixteenth meeting of the POPRC, to be held online from 11 to 16 January 2021, and will provide information about the practical arrangements for the meeting. The briefing will in addition provide an overview of the outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the CRC held online from 8 to 11 September 2020.

Content

1. Introduction - 5 min.
2. Presentations by the Secretariat on the following topics:
 - Briefing on the sixteenth meeting of the POPRC – 20 min.
 - Outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the CRC – 10 min.
3. Questions and Answers - 25 min.

Background

Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic situation in Switzerland as well as globally, as an exceptional measures, the sixteenth meeting of the POPs Review Committee will be held online from 11 to 16 January 2021, and the sixteenth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee was held online from 8 to 11 September 2020.

At its sixteenth meeting, the POPs Review Committee will consider, among other things, draft risk profiles on Decchlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer, and on methoxychlor. The Committee will also consider a proposal for the inclusion of UV-328 in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention submitted by the Government of Switzerland. Other items on the provisional agenda of the meeting pertain to the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins, the evaluation and review of progress made by Parties towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles and their continued need for the specific exemptions for those chemicals, and the review of an indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds. Taking into account the needs for subsequent meetings, the Committee's work at POPRC-16 is proposed to be organized to prioritize items to be completed and put forward to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention in July 2021, as well as at the Committee's seventeenth meeting in September 2021.

Additionally, the briefings will provide an overview of the outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the CRC held online from 8 to 11 September 2020. The Committee finalized its review of decabromodiphenyl ether and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds. The recommendations for listing these chemicals in Annex III to the Convention will be considered at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention in July 2021, together with the related draft decision guidance documents adopted by the Committee.

The briefings will be conducted on the WebEx platform. Please register to the briefings through the links below.

Dates and Time (UTC/GMT +2 hours).	Please register <u>in advance</u> of the sessions To register, please use the following link:
Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 10:00 (English)	https://unep-brs.webex.com/unep-brs/j.php?RGID=rbc379376f0206bc2c78971d78201156e
Thursday, 12 November 2020, 16:00 (English)	https://unep-brs.webex.com/unep-brs/j.php?RGID=r4d7459b3de5d455e913bfe3e13ded5a0

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We look forward to seeing you online.

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